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1.UK AMBASSADOR (ASHE) SOUGHT OUT US DEL OFFICER ON JUNE 22 TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE THAT UK ATTACHES TO ENSURING THAT THE "EXECUTIVE SECRETARY" OF A POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR BODY TO CCD BE THE PERSONAL SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL RATHER THAN BE UNDER THE UN DISARMAMENT CENTER. IF THE LATTER APPROACH IS TAKEN THE UK FEARS THAT THE "EXECUTIVE SECRETARY" WILL BE SUBJECT TO PRESSURE FROM THE UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS WHO IS A RUSSIAN.

2. US DEL OFFICER NOTED THAT US HAD EXPRESSED SIMILAR VIEWS TO BRITISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON (REFTEL) AND THAT US AGREES IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR THE "EXECUTIVE SECRETARY" TO REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL RATHER CONFIDENTIAL

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THAN BE SUBORDINATE TO THE UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS. LEONARD

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